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SUBJECT: AD-70 - MEETING OF EWG - MARCH 27.

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SUMMARY. EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP HAS RESCHEDULED ITS CALENDAR FOR REVIEW OF AD-70 NATO DEFENSE PROGRAMS (USNATO 1350). FOLLOWING REPORTS WILL NOW BE TAKEN UP ON TUESDAY MARCH 27: CIVIL PREPAREDNESS (AC/281- REPORT(73)9), COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS (AC/281- REPORT(73)5), INFRASTRUCTURE (AC/281- REPORT(73)11), AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN FLANK (AC/281- REPORT(73)7). END SUMMARY.

1. WE FIND THE REPORT ON CIVIL PREPAREDNESS TO BE LARGELY A RESTATEMENT OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED OR ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE SCEPC ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL. IT SPECIFICALLY FAILS TO ADDRESS DIRECTLY THE BASIC ITEMS WHICH WERE TO BE REPORTED ON AS SET FORTH IN PARA 15 OF DPC/ D(72)19: I. E., THE STATE OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS IN THE ALLIANCE, AND THE PROGRESS IN CIVIL SUPPORT
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ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET MILITARY NEEDS. WE PLAN TO SUGGEST THAT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BE SUBMITTED TO PROVIDE MORE

DIRECT RESPONSES UNDER THE TWO HEADINGS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

2. WHILE WE FIND THE REPORT ON COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS TO BE GENERALLY USEFUL, WE NOTE THAT IT DOES NOT COVER STATUS OF ACTIOS IN EXISTING FIELDS OF LOGISTICS COOPERATION SUCH AS NAMSO AND CEPS. NEITHER DOES IT COVER SHAPE EFFORTS THROUGH THE ACE LOGISTICS COORDINATION CENTER TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS, PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR WARTIME, NOR REFER TO THE EUOROGROUP EFFORTS IN COOPERATIVE LOGISTICS; WE WILL SUGGEST THAT ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BE SUBMITTED ON THESE POINTS. FINALLY WE BELIEVE REPORT MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE COMMENTS ON SHARED USE OF FACILITIES.

3. WE EXPECT ONLY A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT. ONE DELEGATION HAS REQUESTED EARLIER REVIEW THAN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON BASIS THAT PAPER IS INADEQUATE AND SHOULD BE REWRITTEN. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS OF INITIAL DISCUSSION.

4. LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA, SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN FLANK, GIVES USEFUL MILITARY STATUS REPORT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL SUGGEST ADDITION OF COVERAGE OF ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING EFFORTS BY NORTHERN REGION COUNTRIES.
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